

**REMARKS**

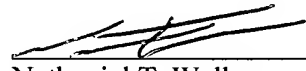
Claims 14 to 16, 18, and 19 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that the Reply of October 14, 2003 has overcome the rejections with respect to claims 14-16 and 18-19.

The Examiner indicated that the Reply of October 14, 2003 did not place the application in condition for allowance because claims 1-13, previously withdrawn, were pending. By the above amendment, claims 1-13 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

For the forgoing reasons, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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